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EASLEY REAPPOINTS MEMBERS TO COURTS COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley reappointed **Rep. Philip A. Baddour** of Goldsboro and **Sen. T.L. Fountain Odom** of Charlotte to serve on the North Carolina Courts Commission.

Baddour has been a partner with Baddour, Parker, Hine & Orander P.C. since 1968. He has been a representative for the North Carolina General Assembly from 1993-1994 and from 1997 until now. Baddour has been the democratic majority leader since 1999. He has served boards such as the Wayne Community College Board of Trustees, North Carolina Board of Transportation and the North Carolina Board of Economic Development. Baddour received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1967.

Odom has practiced law in Charlotte since 1963. He has been a senator for North Carolina district #34 since 1988. He has been chairman of the Base Budget committee and vice chair of Judiciary II, Appropriations, Advisory Budget, Legislative Ethics, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, Ways and Means, Courts, and Commission on Governmental Operations. He is currently a member of the Board of Visitors for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and has been a member of the board of directors for the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center since 1984. Odom received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1962 and his law degree from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1962.

The North Carolina Courts Commission studies the structure, organization, jurisdiction and procedures of the Judicial Department and the General Court of Justice. The commission makes recommendations to the General Assembly for changes within these systems. There are 26 members, and the Governor appoints six members. Each member serves a four-year term.

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